

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the District of Colorado  
901 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Denver, Colorado 80294**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part time United States magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado at Durango, Colorado.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging:

- (1) conduct preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings  
on delegation from a district judge; and

**The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. 636.**

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five person it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$35,854 per annum. The term of office is four years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position for this court may be obtained from the clerk of the district court or the chairperson of the selection panel.

U.S. District Court  
901 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Denver, CO 80294  
(303) 844-3433 or  
(303) 844-0602

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Chair of the Merit Selection Panel  
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The application form is also available on the court's Internet website at [www.cod.uscourts.gov](http://www.cod.uscourts.gov)

Applications must be submitted only by applicants  
and must be received by close of business  
on ***Monday, June 30, 2003.***

Mail or deliver application to:  
U.S. District Court  
901 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Denver, CO 80294  
Attn: Human Resources Division

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

